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Ms. Emma Best  
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Reference: F-2018-02026

Dear Ms. Best:

This is a final response to your 23 May 2019 appeal to the Agency Release Panel (ARP) of your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

***The ARP carefully considered your petition and determined that the appeal should be denied in full.*** As the Executive Secretary of the ARP, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you of the appellate determination, described more fully in what follows.

In upholding the initial action, the ARP concluded that material must withheld in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in federal district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right to pursue litigation. For more information, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website at [http://ogis/archives.gov](http://ogis.archives.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel

